

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (New). A method for detecting a DNA polymorphism in a double strand DNA, said method comprising the steps of (a) to (e) below:

(a) contacting (i) a double strand DNA comprising a test polymorphic site, (ii) an oligonucleotide probe that hybridizes to a region comprising said polymorphic site in said double strand DNA, and (iii) a homologous recombination protein under reaction conditions where a triple strand DNA complex is formed,

(b) removing the homologous recombination protein from the triple strand DNA complex formed in the step (a), thereby generating a triple strand DNA,

(c) conducting heat treatment of the triple strand DNA generated by removing the homologous recombination protein, under conditions where the oligonucleotide probe is released from said triple strand DNA, when the test polymorphic site in the double strand DNA is not complementary to a corresponding site in said oligonucleotide probe,

(d) determining the existence or the absence of an oligonucleotide probe that binds to the double strand DNA to form the triple strand DNA,

(e) judging that (i) SNP exists in the DNA region complementary to the oligonucleotide probe in the target double strand DNA when no oligonucleotide probe is detected, (ii) no SNP exists in the DNA region complementary to the oligonucleotide probe in the target double strand DNA when the existence of oligonucleotide probe that binds to triple strand DNA is detected.

Claim 12 (New). The method of claim 11, wherein the double strand DNA comprising a test polymorphic site has a DNA terminus.

Claim 13 (New). The method of claim 12, wherein the test polymorphic site is located within 20 bases from the DNA terminus.

Claim 14 (New). The method of claim 11, wherein the length of the oligonucleotide probe is from 20 to 120 bases.

Claim 15 (New). The method of claim 11, wherein the homologous recombination protein is a RecA protein from *E. coli*.

Claim 16 (New). The method claim 11, wherein, in the step (a), a nucleotide triphosphate is added to the reaction system.

Claim 17 (New). The method of claim 11, wherein, in the step (b), the homologous recombination protein is removed by conducting protein degradation enzyme treatment.

Claim 18 (New). The method of claim 17, wherein the protein degradation enzyme is proteinase K.

Claim 19 (New). A kit for detecting a polymorphism in a double strand DNA comprising a test polymorphic site, said kit comprising the following components:

- (a) an oligonucleotide probe that hybridizes to the double strand DNA comprising the test polymorphic site,
- (b) a homologous recombination protein, and
- (c) a reagent removing the homologous recombination protein.

Claim 20 (New). The kit of claim 19, wherein the reagent removing the homologous recombination protein is proteinase K.